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(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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TRANSLATION

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

☐ a sequence listing

☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

☐ in written format

☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

☐ contained in the international application as filed.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

- 1 Reference is made to the following document:
D1: DE 37 30 091 A1 (WILD HEERBRUGG AG; WILD
LEITZ AG, HEERBRUGG, CH) 6 October 1988
(1988-10-06)

- 2 Document D1 is considered to be the closest prior
art. It discloses (the references between
parentheses apply to said document):

*a measurement device for white light
interferometry, comprising a light source (1)
and a mask (6) placed in front of a linear
sensor (7) of an evaluation unit. The grating
spacings of the mask correspond as exactly as
possible to the spacing of the interference
fringes on the interferogram,*

from which the subject matter of independent claim
1 differs in that the grating spacings of the mask
do not correspond to the spacings of the
interference fringes (difference of approximately
5%-10%, see description, page 8).

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- 2.1 Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
- 2.2 The technical problem to be solved by the present invention can therefore be considered that of realising a measurement device for white light interferometry without moving components, but which nevertheless allows the simple separation of useful signal and background.
- 2.3 The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present invention is based, for the following reasons, on an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)): in document D1, good separation of useful signal and background is only achieved by the linear sensor when movable components are appropriately arranged. In contrast, the invention in claim 1 achieves the aim by suitably defining the grating spacings, taking several parameters into account (see equation in claim 1).
- 2.4 Claims 2-8 depend on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.